

## CONSULTATION REPORT

### Background

In August 2022, Council engaged the community on a proposal to upgrade Brett Park playground with a combined budget of \$400,000: \$250,000 from the NSW Department of Planning and Environment (DPE), and \$150,000 from Council.

The community provided feedback on their play equipment preferences as well as preferred location for a playground. Location A – at the corner of Tranmere St and Day St was preferred by community. Therefore, in February 2023, Council officers prepared a concept design in this location and sought further feedback on the proposal.

This report provides a summary of feedback received during round 2 of consultation.

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### Consultation details

#### Period: 1 February – 2 March 2023

Council asked the community for input from the community on:

- How often do they visit Brett Park and what they do there
- Feedback on the concept plans
- Other upgrades needed in the park

### What methods were implemented to notify the community of this consultation?

- Direct Notification Letters to 1100 residences in the area here >
- Email notification to participants from round 1 consultation
- Email to local schools to include in newsletters
- Five on-site posters promoting the consultation
- Two Instagram posts reaching 1,800 people with 5 comments
- Four Facebook posts reaching 12,400 people and 14 comments
- Story in September 2022 CCB Newsletter reaching 33,900 people



### What engagement methods were undertaken?

- Online engagement survey at [collaborate.canadabay.nsw.gov.au](https://collaborate.canadabay.nsw.gov.au)
- Direct email and phone number provided for further information
- Drop-in session on Wednesday 15 February, 4 - 6pm
- Presentation to Access and Inclusion Committee

### Consultation Outcomes Summary – 70 submissions total

#### Consultation Participation

- 619 visits to the Collaborate page
- 49 survey submissions
- 13 emails
- 8 forms submitted at drop-in session
- Council's Access and Inclusion Committee feedback
- Touched by Olivia feedback
- St Marks feedback

### Consultation findings

#### Participation

- 22% of respondents also participated in the first round of consultation
- 48% of participants use Brett Park playground
- Of those that do use Brett Park playground, most take children 0-3 but ages range from 0-9

#### Top findings

- 68% (48) of participants support the proposed concept designs and location
- 28% (20) of participants are in opposition to new location and request current location be upgraded
- 3% (2) of participants do not agree with upgrading/creating a new playground at all
- The Access and Inclusion Committee believe that Council should focus on a comprehensive

approach to inclusive playgrounds and note that the park is not an easily accessible park overall.

- Touched by Olivia suggested “whilst the access and amenity is a challenge in this space, that is not to say that we shouldn't aim for good inclusive design for this space and to make it as inclusive as possible with the site and resources we have. Alternatively look at the location being on the lower part of the park where we can access parking and perhaps upgrade the amenities. No park will ever be perfect, so we have to look at ways to work with every space so ultimately there is access and inclusion throughout the LGA.”

#### **Support for location themes (48 submissions)**

- The current playground location is inaccessible with prams, tucked away in the corner, away from eyesight, there is always broken glass or graffiti
- The new location will be much safer and desirable to use
- Will also get great use from the school kids after school
- Away from bridge noise
- New location is good and walkable for lots of families in the area

*Example submission: “I am especially excited for the new location. The current location is incredibly inaccessible with the pram (or little legs trekking across the park!) I recently stopped using the current park as it is so tucked away in the corner, away from eyesight that there is always broken glass or graffiti, the new location will be much safer and desirable to use! It will also get some great use from the school kids after school to burn off some energy on the way home. A great asset for our community!! Thank you”*

#### **Opposition to location themes (20 submissions)**

- Expansion of existing playground would have less impact on nearby residents
- Proposed location is a peaceful and quiet open space that doesn't suit or need yet another playground. Children can play just fine on open grass and the natural environs.
- Illogical to move playground away from toilets and BBQs.
  - Disconnect between BBQ area and the proposed site. Having both close together makes sense.
  - Distance from toilets isn't appropriate for children's playground
  - No other amenity near the proposed site.
- Traffic is dangerous already and will get worse
- Parking already very limited in this area, current playground has 3 nearby parking areas,
- The original playground was removed after the community complained about "unsavoury characters" congregating there
- Densely populated corner of the park, current playground has the least number of neighbouring residents disturbed
- Anticipated noise disturbance
- Proposed location is currently enjoyed for passive / quiet enjoyment by all in the community
- Proposed location is also framed by trees and in shadow
- Didn't receive consultation materials for round 1 (3 submissions)

*Example submission: “I don't believe this is the best place for the playground. The intersection between Day and Tranmere is very busy, people like to use that part of the park for a quiet get together, there are no toilets at this end of the park, there is not enough parking as people use Tranmere for the Bay Run especially on the weekends and you have a higher density of residents (there are four unit blocks surrounding the proposed location. It will be too noisy for them.”*

## Design feedback themes

- Fence the playground (10 submissions)
- More shade/shade sails – over the swings and embankment slides (9 submissions)
- New toilets in new location (6 submissions)
- Suggestions to remove sandpit: 1. Sand pit without a fence in proximity to an off-leash dog area could result in dogs defecating in the sand pit. 2. Trees will drop leaves and create mess (3 submissions)
- Additional seating and tables (3 submissions)
- Reconsider the mulch and sand as they get messy. Consider recycled rubber soft fall throughout (5 submissions)
- Add more climbing structures for varied ages (3 submissions)
- Opposing feedback regarding support and opposition for nature and water play

*Example submission: "Brett park has dogs off lead morning and night time, so I don't feel the sand play would be suitable in an unfenced playground like this close to the dog off lead area. Ensure there is enough for older children to participate in play also. At the moment, it looks as though only the adventure play area would suit them. Could there be monkey bars, or climbing frame or ropes? Kids are very influenced by the ninja warrior show and like to practice their skills at the park."*

## Questions

- What is the maintenance budget?  
*Council engages an independent company to inspect all Council's playgrounds quarterly. The maintenance is prioritized, and repairs/replacements installed. Brett Park has been designed as a nature playground that responds to the site, the selection of materials, and location of planting has been designed to be low maintenance.*
- Where is the relocated picnic table going?  
*The picnic table will be relocated adjacent to the proposed swings. This allows seating with picnic opportunities close to a popular play item. Shade will be provided from new tree plantings.*
- Will all existing trees be retained?  
*All mature and healthy trees will be retained.*
- There are parks located on that side of Drummoyne. Has the council considered positioning one underneath the Gladesville bridge on Cambridge road?  
*Council is exploring opportunities to activate the site under Gladesville Bridge. Approval of any works will need to be sought from the land owner, Transport for NSW.*

## Other suggestions for Brett Park

- Improve accessibility and connecting pathways. Footpaths do not connect with each other, nor do they in most cases flow from one side to the other, or all the way up to the roads around the park
- Half basketball court
- Small structure to be installed whereby musicians can rehearse/perform to small audiences
- Dog fencing at Henley Marine Drive end of Brett Park
- Safety improvements to manage cars speeding along Henley Marine Drive and onto Tranmere St.
- Café
- Drainage issues at the top of the park needs attention

- More bins
- More toilets near Tranmere St
- Pruning overgrowth
- More seating
- More trees
- Better picnic tables
- Remove bindies and weeds
- Outdoor exercise equipment
- More maintenance generally on the grass and trees
- Pedestrian crossing into the park

### **Access and Inclusion Committee feedback**

Council officers presented the project to the Access and Inclusion Committee on Thursday 23 February 2023.

The Committee provided the following feedback:

- Accessibility of the park as a whole is not to code, so any inclusive playground will not be used by people with accessibility needs
- Suggestion to do a simple upgrade to the playground that exists and work on an inclusive playground in a different, more accessible park
- Council might like to consider the amenity and access as part of the whole space when applying for (Inclusive) grants. Can I get there, can I stay, and can I play/participate - an inclusive space needs all three for it to work for all.
- Organisations, like Touched By Olivia, can support inclusive consultation, but more importantly inclusive design.

### **St Mark's Primary School feedback**

The school uses the lower fields regularly for sport, and also the proposed location for their cross country racing. The school advised that they would be able to make alternative arrangements for cross country.

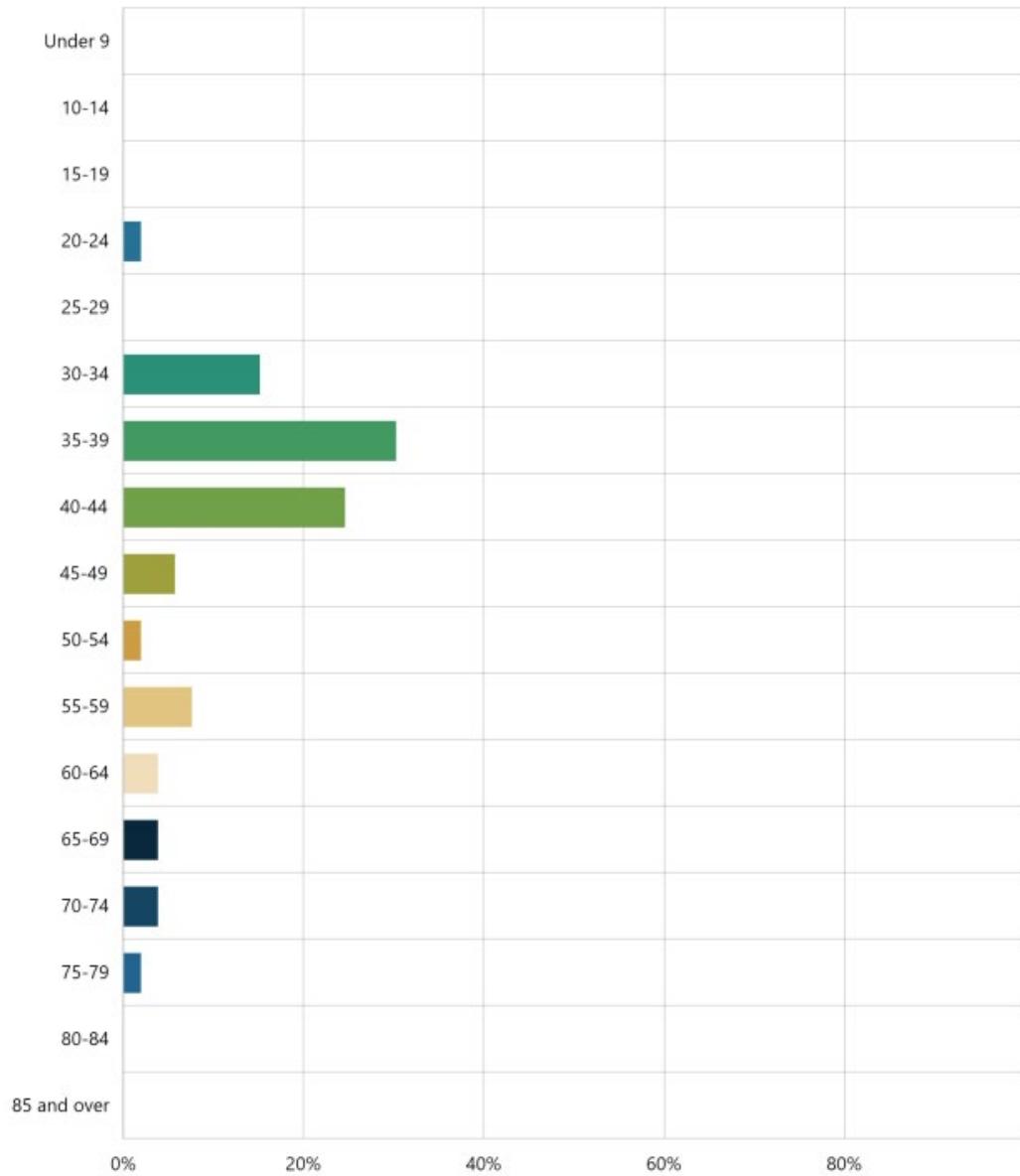
### **Community drop-in feedback - Wednesday 15 February, 4 - 6pm**

Approximately 10 people attended the drop-in session. Their feedback was reported in the above summaries.

## Appendix A - Demographic data

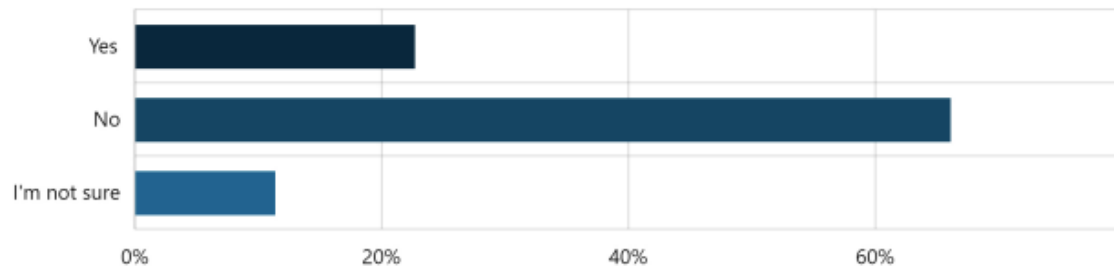
### 5. Age Group Required

Select Box | Skipped: 0 | Answered: 53 (100%)



#### 6. Did you participate in the first consultation for this project? Required

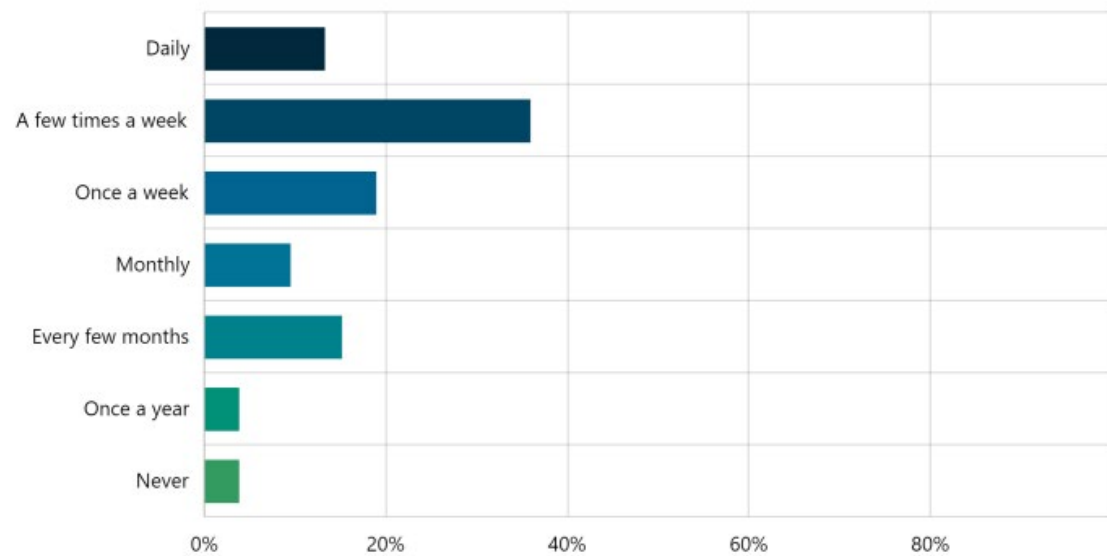
Multi Choice | Skipped: 0 | Answered: 53 (100%)



Answer choices	Percent	Count
Yes	22.64%	12
No	66.04%	35
I'm not sure	11.32%	6
Total	100.00%	53

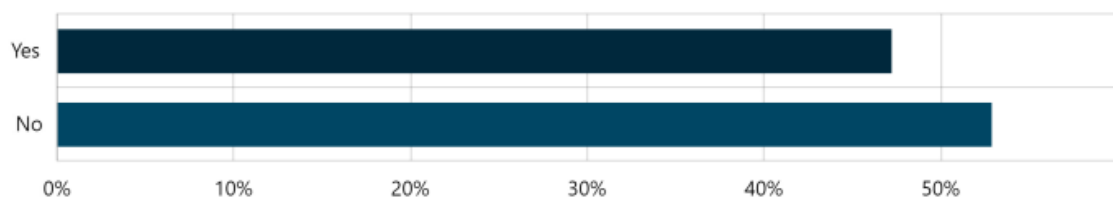
#### 7. How often do you visit Brett Park? Required

Select Box | Skipped: 0 | Answered: 53 (100%)



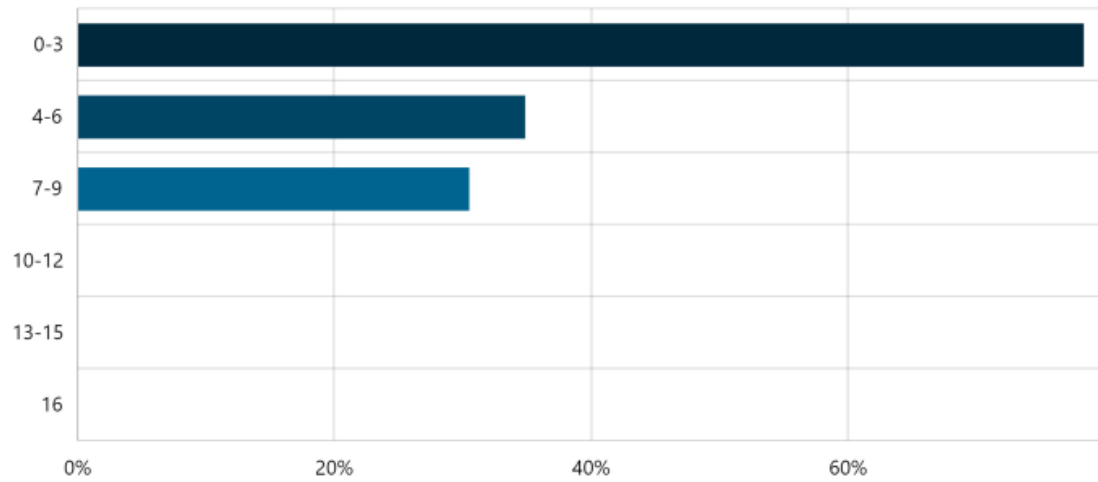
#### 8. Do you use Brett Park playground? Required

Multi Choice | Skipped: 0 | Answered: 53 (100%)



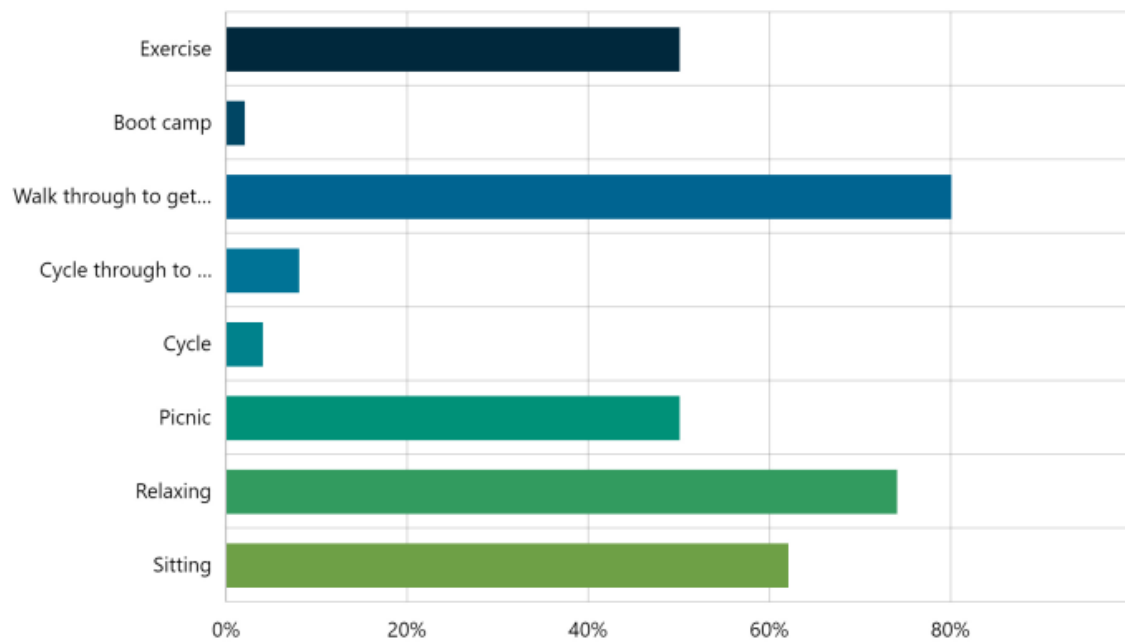
9. If you take children to the playground, how old are they? Required

Multi Choice | Skipped: 30 | Answered: 23 (43.4%)



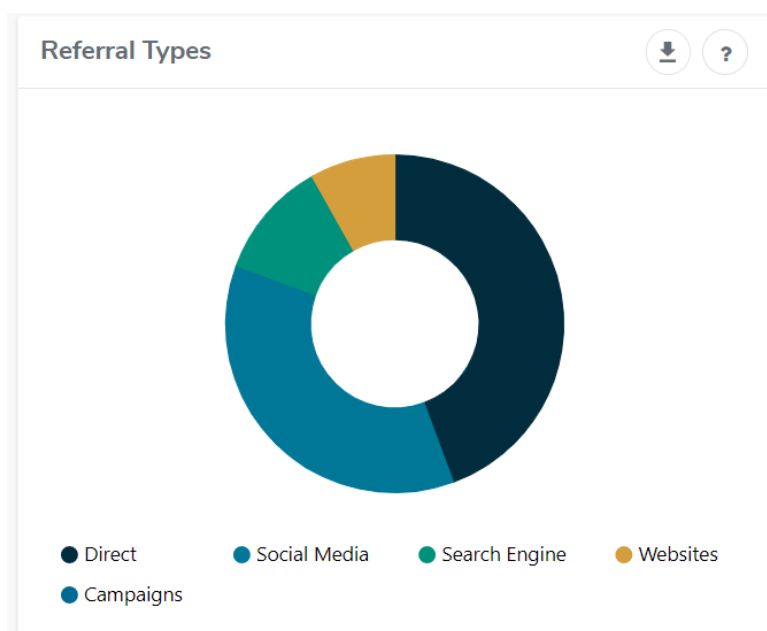
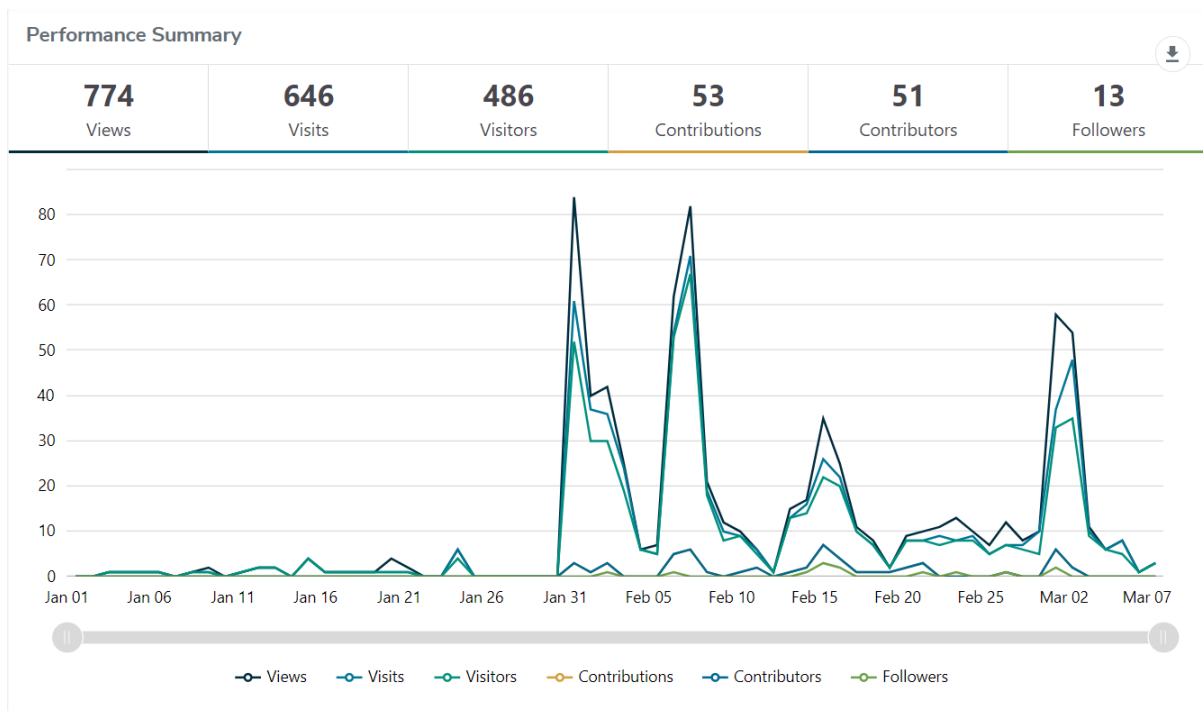
12. What else do you do in Brett Park? Required

Multi Choice | Skipped: 3 | Answered: 50 (94.3%)

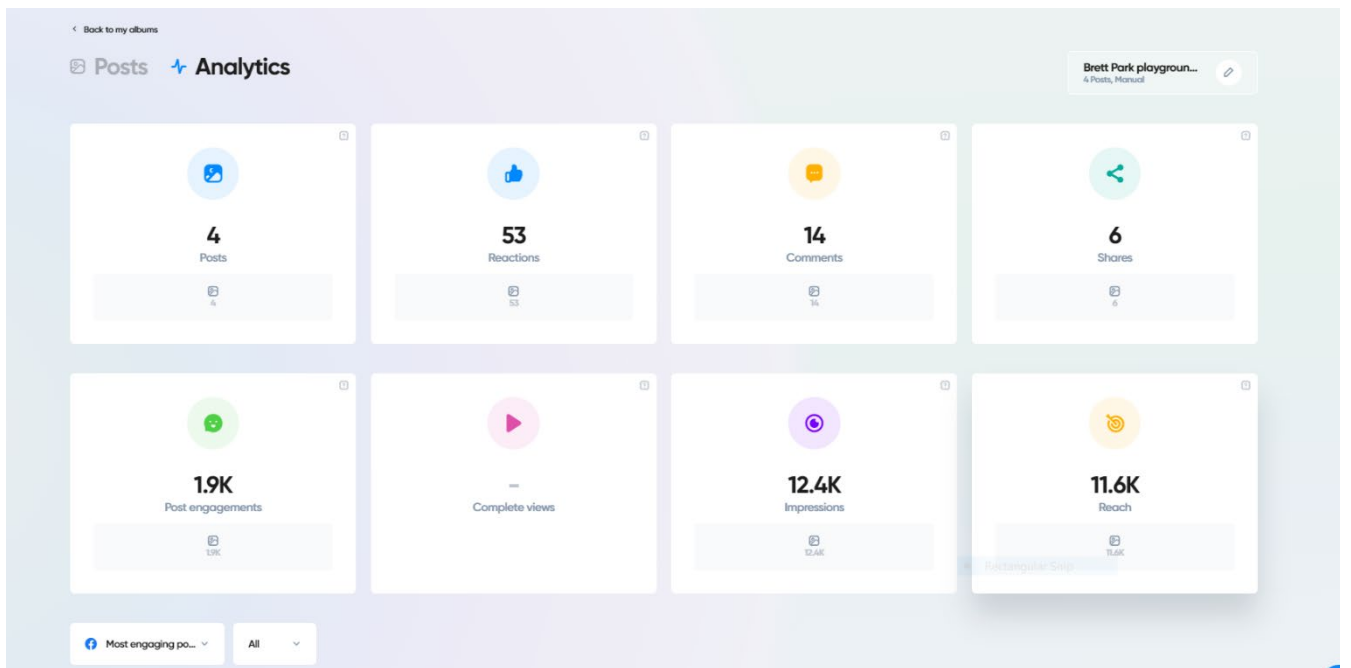


Appendix B - Project page traffic

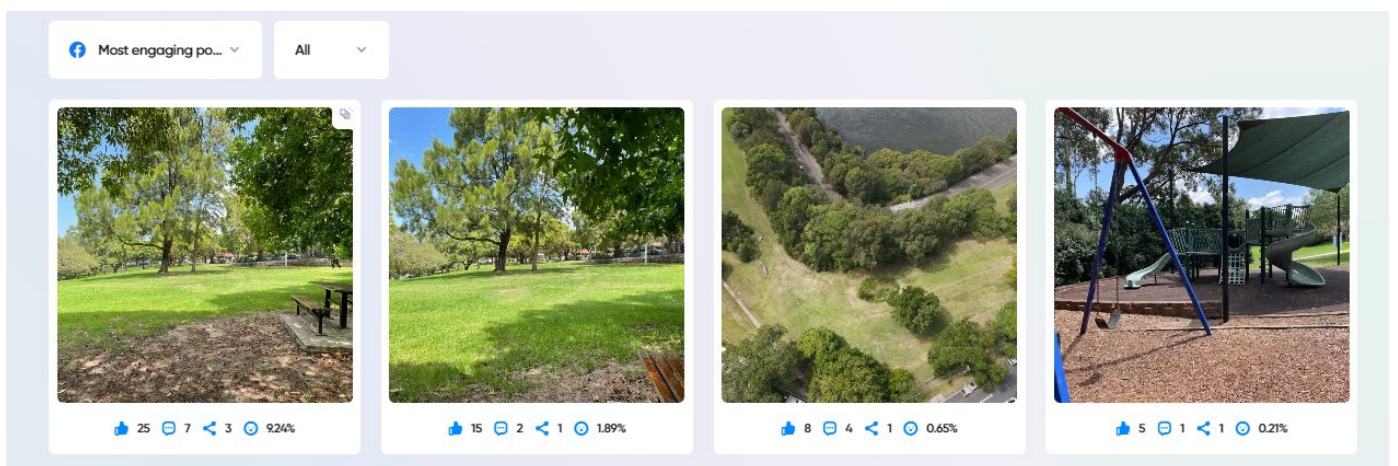




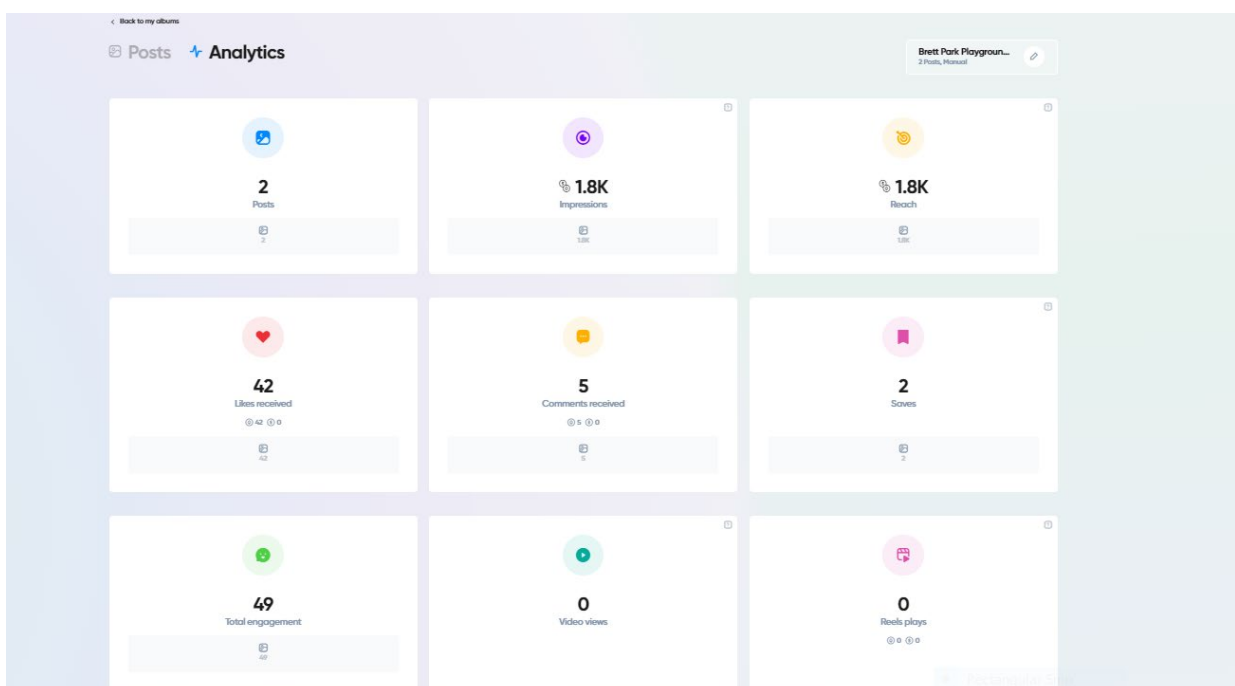
## Appendix C - Promotions report

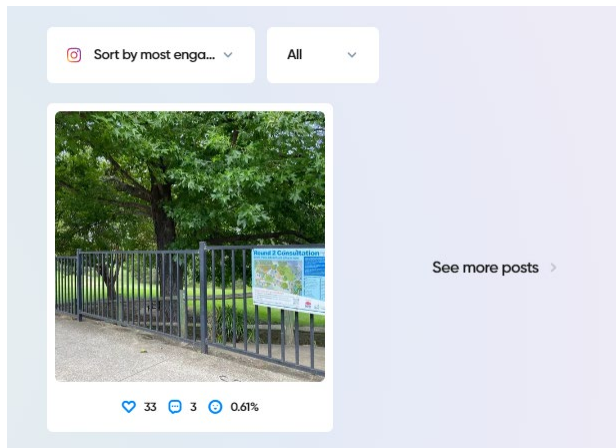


Most engaging posts:



Instagram Report:





## Appendix D - Promotional materials

# Round 2 Consultation

Feedback closes  
2 March 2023

## Brett Park adventure playscape

**Learn more and give feedback**

📍 In person at new proposed location: Wednesday 15 February from 4 – 6pm

🔗 [collaborate.canadabay.nsw.gov.au](https://collaborate.canadabay.nsw.gov.au) (or scan the QR code)

✉ [council@canadabay.nsw.gov.au](mailto:council@canadabay.nsw.gov.au) (subject: Brett Park Playground)

☎ 9911 6555

📬 Locked Bag 1470, Drummoyne NSW 1470 (attn: Parks & Recreation Team)

Council is designing a \$400,000 new nature adventure playground in Brett Park. It is a jointly funded project as Council received a \$250,000 grant from the NSW Department of Planning and Environment, with Council investing \$150,000.

In August 2022, Council asked the community for ideas on equipment, and if there was a more suitable and accessible location for a playground in the park than the current location.

Following the community's feedback, Council is proposing to build a new adventure playground at the corner of Tranmere Street and Day Street in the park (see map) and have also developed concept plans. The existing playground will remain as is until the end of its service life.

### PROPOSED CONCEPT PLAN

**EXISTING**

- 1 Existing pedestrian footpath on road verge
- 2 Existing boundary fence on wall
- 3 Existing rubbish bin to be retained
- 4 Existing accessible ramp
- 5 Relocated existing picnic table to be retained
- 6 Existing drinking fountain to be retained

**PROPOSED**

- 7 Accessible ramp
- 8 Concrete path
- 9 Multi-bays swing
- 10 Embankment slides (incl. 1 x inclusive slide)
- 11 Adventure play
- 12 Sand pit with play sculpture
- 13 Sand play (inclusive)
- 14 Sandstone steps
- 15 Timber bridge
- 16 Water play
- 17 Nature play in dry creek
- 18 Stepping stones
- 19 Sandstone logs
- 20 Seat plinth-fixed on sandstone log
- 21 Retaining wall
- 22 Mass planting - local native plants
- 23 WSUD planting
- 24 Turf
- 25 Shade sail

Rubber softfall  
 Mulch softfall  
 Sand  
 Textured concrete

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2 February 2023

The Resident  
Drummoyne NSW 2047

Dear Resident,

**Round 2 Consultation - Brett Park adventure playscape**

Council is designing a \$400,000 nature adventure play space at Brett Park, Drummoyne. This is a jointly funded project with \$250,000 from the NSW Department of Planning and Environment's Places to Play Program and \$150,000 from Council. As part of our Let's All Play Strategy, we are consulting the community on the facility design, location, and accessibility. We are aiming to open the playground for the community to use by November 2023.

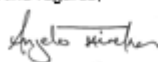
In August 2022, we asked the community what their preferred location for a playground in Brett Park would be. The community selected the area closest to the corner of Tranmere Street and Day Street. The community also provided feedback on equipment to be included in the playground.

We have incorporated this feedback and are now sharing a proposed concept design. Information is available at [collaborate.canadabay.nsw.gov.au](https://collaborate.canadabay.nsw.gov.au) (via the QR code below) and we invite your feedback by 2 March 2023 in the following ways:

- In person: at the proposed new location on Wed, 15 February from 4-6pm
- Online: [collaborate.canadabay.nsw.gov.au/brettpark](https://collaborate.canadabay.nsw.gov.au/brettpark)
- Email: [council@canadabay.nsw.gov.au](mailto:council@canadabay.nsw.gov.au) (subject: Brett Park Playground)
- Phone: 9911 6555
- Mail: Locked Bag 1470, Drummoyne NSW 1470 (attn: Parks & Recreation Team)

For further enquires you can contact our Landscape Architect, Catherine Yang, on 9911 6555.

Kind regards,



Mayor Angelo Tsirekas  
City of Canada Bay

